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Non-Nucleic Acid Probes, Probe Sets, Method and Kits

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants hereby petition for an automatic three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on April 9, 2002 as provided for by 37 CFR § 1.136(a). The Office is hereby authorized to deduct the fee set forth under 37 CFR § 1.17 for a three month extension for a large entity, believed to be \$ 920.00, from Deposit Account No. 02-3240.

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